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NON-CONTACT SCANNING LASER



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LARGE ENTITY CLAIM (FROM SMALL ENTITY)
AND
CORRECTION TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

As indicated in an earlier filing, and as required in association with the payment of the Issue Fee, Applicants hereby again claim LARGE ENTITY STATUS.

Also, it appears that the Examiner misspoke in his Reasons for Allowance. In particular, on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner inferred that "the claims now all recite . . . an energy level exiting . . . the basic laser of no greater than 10mJ per pulse".

In particular, in this regard, claims 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 35-38, 48, 49, 53-55, 57, 58, 60, 63-68, 78, 80, 81, 91, 93-95, 97, 98, and 107-11 all do recite a basic laser having an energy level exiting of no greater than 10 mJ per pulse. However, claims 39-41, 43, 44, 46 and 47 recite a range of 0.5 to 10 mJ per pulse; claims 76, 90, 105 and 106 recite energy of less than 10 mJ per pulse;

claims 82, 83, 85, 87-89, and 117-119 recite an energy range of less than about 10 mJ per pulse; and claims 69, 45, 70-72, 75, 112-116 do not include an energy limitation whatsoever.

The recitations of the claims all speak for themselves in this regard, and the Examiner has been acutely aware of the recitations of each set of claims.

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